

Northampton Youth Commission

Sustainability Working Group

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Working Group Leader: Joe Brooks-Khan

Meeting Notice

Online Video Conference (Zoom)

Meeting Date: November 1, 2021

Meeting Time: 8 PM

The Northampton Youth Commission Sustainability Working Group leads the Commission's advocacy efforts to pass environmental sustainability policy in the City of Northampton.

Instructions for joining the virtual meeting:

Topic: Northampton Youth Commission

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<https://bit.ly/noho-youth-commission>

Procedural note: Due to time constraints, discussion items may be postponed to future meetings.

Items for discussion:

1. Say hello, welcome everyone to the working group
2. Give an overview of the work the sustainability working group has done in the past and the work it will do in 2021-22
 - a. Discussion of the history/origin of the working group
 - b. Discussion of the provisions included in the original Plastic Reduction and Sustainability Ordinance, our drafting process for the PRS ordinance, when and how it was eventually passed
 - c. Overview of our draft reusables on-premises ordinance and our draft bag fee ordinance
 - i. Brief sidenote about the work we've done on composting
 - d. Joe tells the group about the work did over the summer reaching out to business owners about the reusables on-premises and bag fee ordinances
3. VOTE to elect working group leader
4. VOTE on whether to approve the draft language of the bag fee ordinance
5. VOTE on whether to approve the draft language of the reusables on-premises ordinance

6. VOTE on whether to approve the draft language of a resusables on-premises AND bag fee ordinance
7. Any questions about this working group/what we've done/what we're going to do this year?
8. Group discussion of how we should proceed with the advocacy for the passage of these ordinances, specifically in what order and configuration they should be passed in and how we should go about soliciting feedback on them from members of the local business community
9. Brainstorm outreach and advocacy strategies going forward (Gazette, social media, etc.)
10. Prepare for a meeting with Amy Cahillane
 - a. Come up with some talking points on talking to her/business leaders about the ordinance and sustainability policy in general
11. Open discussion about other ways by which the sustainability group could craft and advocate for sustainable environmental policy in Northampton